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SUBJECT: SUGAR MEETING--LATIN AMERICAN PRODUCERS SEPT 28-OCT
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1. AS A PRELIMINARY, EMBOFF CONTACTED LONG-STANDING GOVERNMENT
AND PRIVATE SOURCES CONCERNING UPCOMING LIMA MEETING TO DETERMINE
GOES AND PRIVATE SECTOR'S OPINION.

2. ORIGINALLY WE WERE ADVISED THAT THE GOES WAS NOT GOING TO
SEND AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION. WE NOW BELIEVE GOVERNMENT
REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE GOING AND MAY INCLUDE AS MANY AS
THREE INDIVIDUALS BUT NOT SURE WHO THEY WILL BE. A DELEGATION
OF 3, ALL OF WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF EL SALVADOR SUGAR ASSOCIATION,
WILL ATTEND REPRESENTING PRIVATE SECTOR TO SERVE AS OBSERVERS.

3. INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE
SOURCES STATE THEY EXPECT PRESSURE OR DISCUSSION TO LEAD TO
FORMATION OF SUGAR PRODUCERS CARTEL. SHOULD SUCH PRESSURE
RESULT, EL SALVADOR NOT EXPECTED TO BECOME A PARTY. SOURCES
FROM BOTH SECTORS TELL US THAT THEY SEE NO LONG-TERM BENEFIT
FROM SUCH ACTION AND SHORT-TERM BENEFIT NOT WORTH THE RISK OF
POSSIBLE ALIENATION USG.

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4. MORE VOCAL, HOWEVER, IS EL SALVADOR'S RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT

RESOLUTION OR MANDATE AWARDED MEXICO POSITION OF CHIEF
SPOKESMAN AND NEGOTIATOR FOR L.A. GROUP.

5. SUGAR PRODUCERS CONCERNED WITH LOW-LEVEL CURRENT SUGAR
PRICE SPOT N.Y. 14 CENTS AND EXPECT CONTINUED DAMPENING IN
PRICE; HOWEVER, MAINTAIN THEIR DIFFERENCE FOR QUOTA SYSTEM
UNDER SUGAR ACT AND ANTICIPATE PASSAGE OF NEW SUGAR ACT 1976
SHOULD DOMESTIC PRICES SUGAR US DROP TOO LOW.

6. CLOSEST SUGAR CONTACT HAS PROMISED TO CONTACT US UPON
ARRIVAL SAN SALVADOR AFTER LIMA MEETING. WILL ADVISE.
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